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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST-SHIPMENT VERIFICATION:  
RUSSIAN FEDERAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE  
OF BIOLOGICAL INDUSTRY, SCHELKOVSKY DIST, RUSSIA,  
LICENSE NO. D368202

REFTEL: 1) 06 USDOC 05898, 2) 06 MOSCOW 008630

¶1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided  
below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export  
Administration Act.

¶2. Reftel 1 requested a Post-shipment verification to  
determine the legitimacy and reliability of the end-  
user, Russian Federal Research and Technological  
Institute of Biological Industry (Russian abbreviation  
VNITIBP), Russia. The company is listed on BIS license  
application D358202 as the ultimate consignee of a  
mobile pilot plant fermenter. These items are  
controlled for chemical or biological warfare reasons  
under ECCN 2B352. The licensee is New Brunswick  
Scientific Co. Inc., 44 Talmadge Road, Edison, NJ  
¶108818.

¶3. VNITIBP was the subject of a pre-license check for  
D368202 reported in reftel 2. On August 3, 2006,  
Export Control Attaché Donald Pearce and FSN Natalya  
Shipitsina met with Eugene Ruban, Deputy Director of  
VNITIBP at his office at the Kashintsevo facility.  
Mr. Ruban stated that VNITIBP would utilize the  
fermenter for the development and production of  
vaccines and biological materials. Mr. Ruban stated  
that he was familiar with U.S. export controls and  
with the license conditions. Mr. Ruban was informed  
of the possibility of a post shipment verification,  
and agreed to allow the team access to the fermenter  
in the future should it be necessary.

¶4. Initial attempts to contact Mr. Ruban were  
unsuccessful. FSN Shipitsina called the contact  
numbers provided by Mr. Ruban, which included both his  
office and mobile telephone numbers, neither of which  
were answered initially. Another employee answered  
the line, and stated that Mr. Ruban was not in the  
office. Initially, the employee would not pass a  
message to Mr. Ruban. During a follow-up phone call,  
the employee advised FSN Shipitsina that Mr. Ruban had  
been hospitalized.

¶5. On January 10, FSN Shipitsina contacted Mr. Ruban  
via his mobile telephone. Mr. Ruban refused to meet  
with the team, stating that end-use verification was  
not in the terms of the sales contract. Mr. Ruban  
referred any future contacts to the General Director,  
and provided a telephone number.

¶6. On January 10, and several times thereafter, FSN Shipitsina called the number provided by Mr. Ruban. The line was not answered.

¶7. Recommendations: Post cannot repeat cannot verify that the fermenter is being used in accordance with the Export Administration Regulations. Post does not repeat not consider the Russian Federal Research and Technological Institute of Biological Industry (VNITIBP) as a reliable recipient of sensitive U.S. technology.

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